

North Carolina Department of Administration

Pat McCrory, Governor

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October 12, 2015

Mr. David Charters Triangle Transit Post Office Box 530 Morrisville, NC 27560

Re: SCH File # 16-E-0000-0065; DEIS; Proposed is a DEIS for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project. View documents at http://ourtransitfuture.com/

Dear Mr. Charters:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. According to G.S. 113A-10, when a state agency is required to prepare an environmental document under the provisions of federal law, the environmental document meets the provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act. Attached to this letter for your consideration are <u>additional comments</u> made in the review of this document.

If any further environmental review documents are prepared for this project, they should be forwarded to this office for intergovernmental review.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Teresa Matthews

State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

COUNTY: DURHAM ORANGE

F04: MASS TRANSIT

STATE NUMBER:

16-E-0000-0065

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AGENCY RESPONSE: 09/23/2015

ER 12-0738

REVIEW CLOSED: 09/28/2015

MS RENEE GLEDHILL-EARLEY
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PROJECT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Triangle Transit

TYPE: National Environmental Policy Act

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

DESC: Proposed is a DEIS for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project. View

documents at http://ourtransitfuture.com/

The attached project has been submitted to the N. C. State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. Please review and submit your response by the above

indicated date to 1301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1301.

If additional review time is needed, please contact this office at (919)807-2425.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED: NO COMMENT COMMENTS ATTACHED

SIGNED BY: DATE: 9.24./5

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North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

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September 25, 2015

David A. Charters, Jr., PE GoTriangle PO Box 13787 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Re:

Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project - Draft Environmental Impact Statement,

Durham and Orange Counties, ER 12-0738

Dear Mr. Charters:

Thank you for your letter of August 25, 2015, transmitting the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for our review concerning the above project.

As noted in the document, areas within the project area of potential effect (APE) that have the potential to contain National Register eligible archaeological sites have been identified in consultation between our Office of State Archaeology and your archaeological consultants. As also noted in the DEIS, after selection of the alternative to be constructed, if any of these areas will be affected, appropriate archaeological investigations will be undertaken prior to project implementation.

We look forward to working with you and your consultants on future aspects of this project at the appropriate time.

The DEIS correctly notes the "Findings of Effects" on the twenty-five above-ground historic properties and outlines the steps that will be taken to avoid any adverse effects.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

Ramona M. Bartos

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